



AN INTEGRATED FIELD DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR DENDROCHRONOLOGY

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Favorable years



Difficult years

SUB DISCIPLINES OF DENDRO

- ▶ Dendroarchaeology
- ▶ Dendroclimatology
- ▶ Dendrohydrology
- ▶ Dendropyrology
- ▶ Dendrogeomorphology
- ▶ Dendrochemistry



How is field information currently recorded?

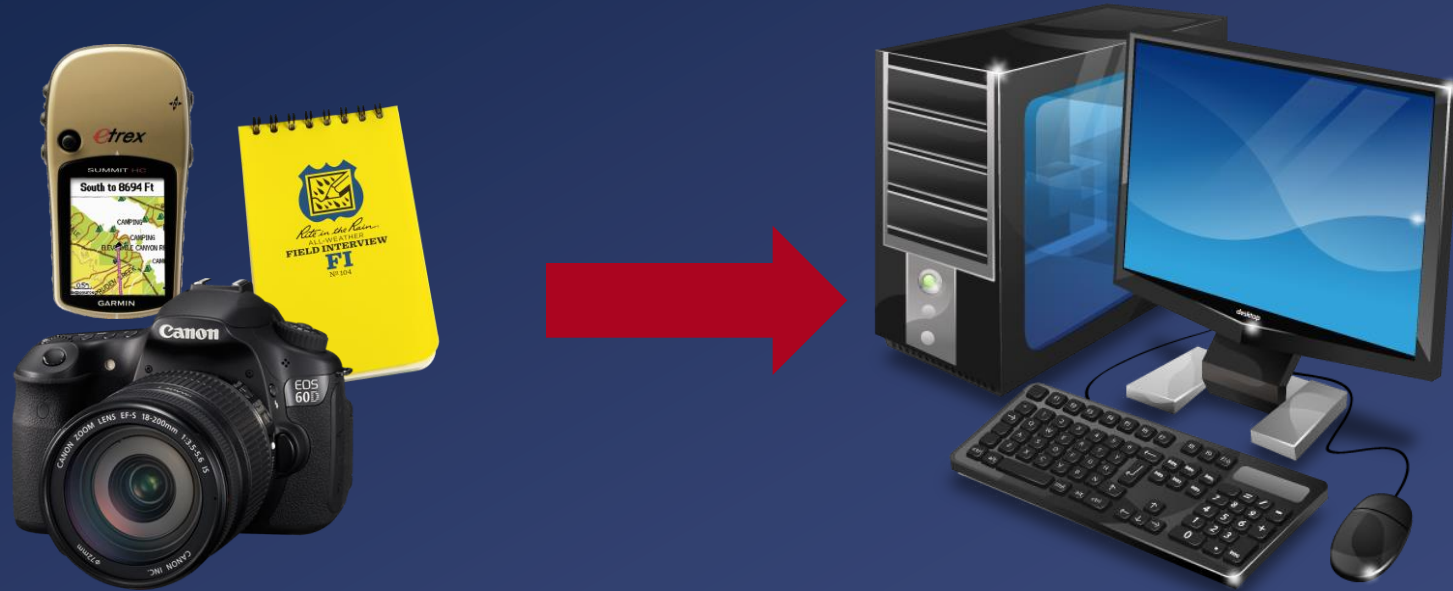
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CURRENT FIELD COLLECTION

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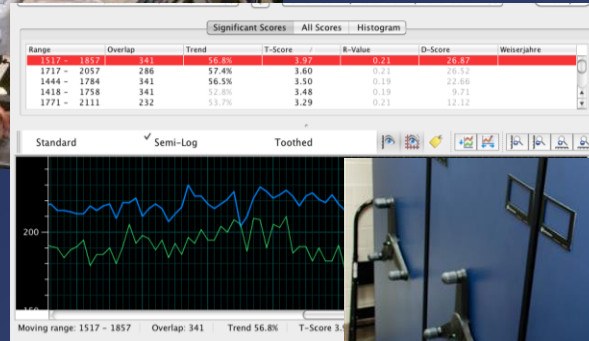




Sampling



Crossdating and measuring



Analysis



Archiving



DATA AND METADATA STANDARDIZATION

- ▶ Metadata - requirements vary depending on sub discipline
- ▶ Data - approximately 26 dendro data formats in use around the world with poor metadata support
- ▶ Replacing with Tree Ring Data Standard (TRiDaS)

What are our requirements for a
field data collection system?

REQUIREMENTS

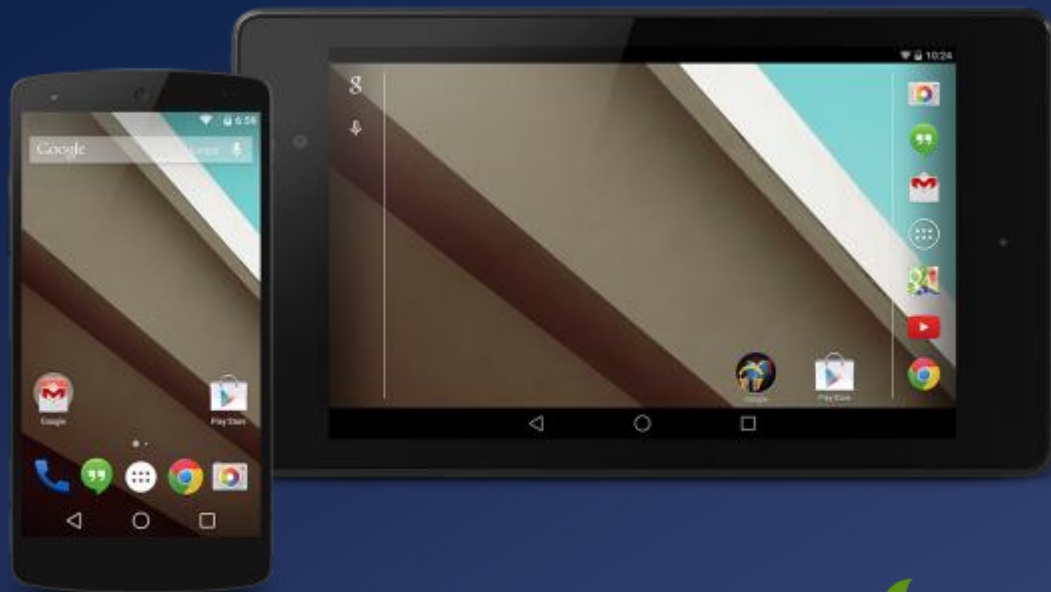
- ▶ Robust enough to cope with rough handling and weather conditions
- ▶ Cost effective
- ▶ As fast or preferably *FASTER* than traditional field notebooks
- ▶ Adapts easily to specific research questions
- ▶ Integrate directly into workflow back in the lab
- ▶ Standardized using TRiDaS

WHAT ARE PEOPLE IN INDUSTRY USING?

- ▶ Expensive
- ▶ Focused on location
- ▶ Data flow back and forth



What are we proposing?



OPEN DATA KIT

Tellervo

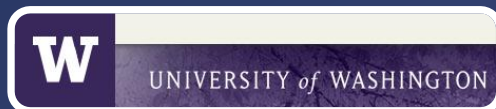


OPEN DATA KIT (ODK)

- ▶ Aimed at mobile data collection in developing nations particularly for healthcare
- ▶ Started as a Google Summer of Code project in 2008
- ▶ Open source project now run by University of Washington



OPEN DATA KIT





KoBoToolbox

KoBoForm



KoBoCollect



KoBoSync



KoBoMap

Tellervo



KoBo Toolbox

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KoBoCollect



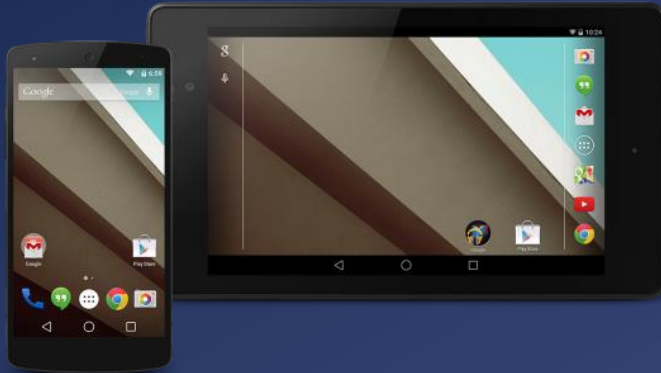
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DESIGNING FORMS

- ▶ Simple form builder within Tellervo
- ▶ All TRiDaS fields preconfigured – just pick the relevant ones
- ▶ Pick relevant dictionary terms



ODK Form Builder

Form name: My Demonstration Form

Build form for: Elements and samples

Available fields:

- Authenticity
- Location
- Location type
- Location comments
- Address line 1
- Address line 2
- City/town
- Postal code
- Country
- Processing

Selected fields:

- Object code [required]
- Element code [required]
- Element type [required]
- Taxon [required]
- Sample code [required]
- Sample type [required]
- Sampling date [hidden]
- State/Province/Region [hidden]

Field details

Name: Sample type

☒ Required

☐ Hide field from user (default value required if ticked)

Description: Form the sample is in

Default value: Section

Options to include:

- ☐ Charcoal
- ☒ Core
- ☐ MRI
- ☐ Photo
- ☐ Physical imprint
- ☐ Scan
- ☒ Section
- ☐ Unknown

Generate Form Close

ODK Collect > CFI_Tr...

Plot-Subplot ID

Enter CFI Plot number and subplot number all together. E.G.: 12341

Tree Number

Read from tag on tree

Q W E R T Y U I O P
A S D F G H J K L
↑ Z X C V B N M ↵
?123 , . ↵

ODK Collect > CFI_Tree_Form

Samples (1)

Sample ID
Identify if this is the A, B, C, nd so on core for this tree

A

Sample height
Distance from root crown where sample was taken

1.3

Diameter at sample height

9.7

Bark thickness at sample height

Sample azimuth
Degress facing away from tree

256

- + . 1 2 3 ↵
* / , 4 5 6 ↵
() = 7 8 9
* 0 #

ODK Collect > CFI_Tree_Form

Tree Location

Replace Location

Latitude: N 35°59'27"
Longitude: W 108°49'21"
Altitude: 2726m
Accuracy: 0.8m

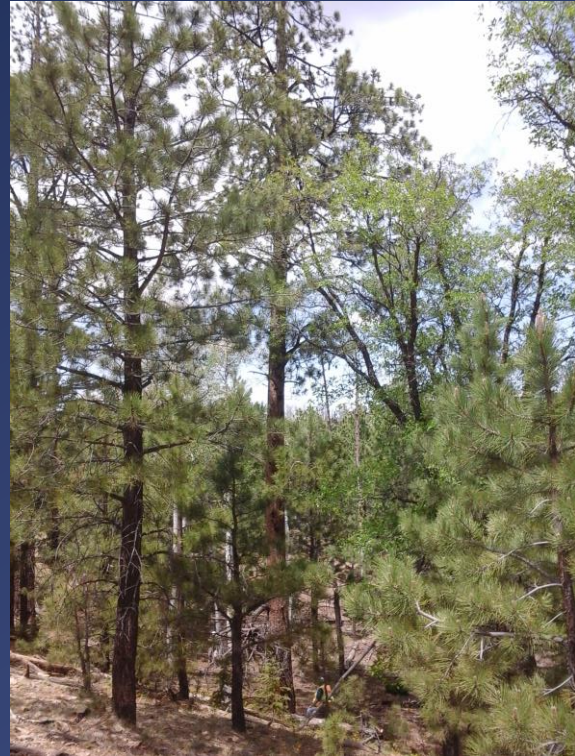
GPS COORDINATES

- ▶ Internal GPS chipset can be used with some success
- ▶ External GPS devices can be used for greater accuracy (inc. WAAS) and speed



MULTIMEDIA

- ▶ Good resolution photographs from tablet/phone hardware
- ▶ Capability to record sound and movies too
- ▶ Multimedia can be associated with a site, a specific tree or sample




ODK Collect > CFI_Tree_Form

Photo of Tree

Take Picture

Choose Image



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for data collection. At the top, there is a status bar with icons for home, back, and other functions, along with a battery level of 95% and the time 10:37 AM. Below the status bar, the title bar reads "ODK Collect > CFI_Tree_Form". The main content area is titled "Photo of Tree" and contains two buttons: "Take Picture" and "Choose Image". Below these buttons is a photograph of a forest scene with tall trees and a rocky path.




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4   <start>2014-06-10T09:55:18.521-06</start>
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8   </meta>
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33    <SampleAzimu</SampleAzimu>
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Bulk data entry...

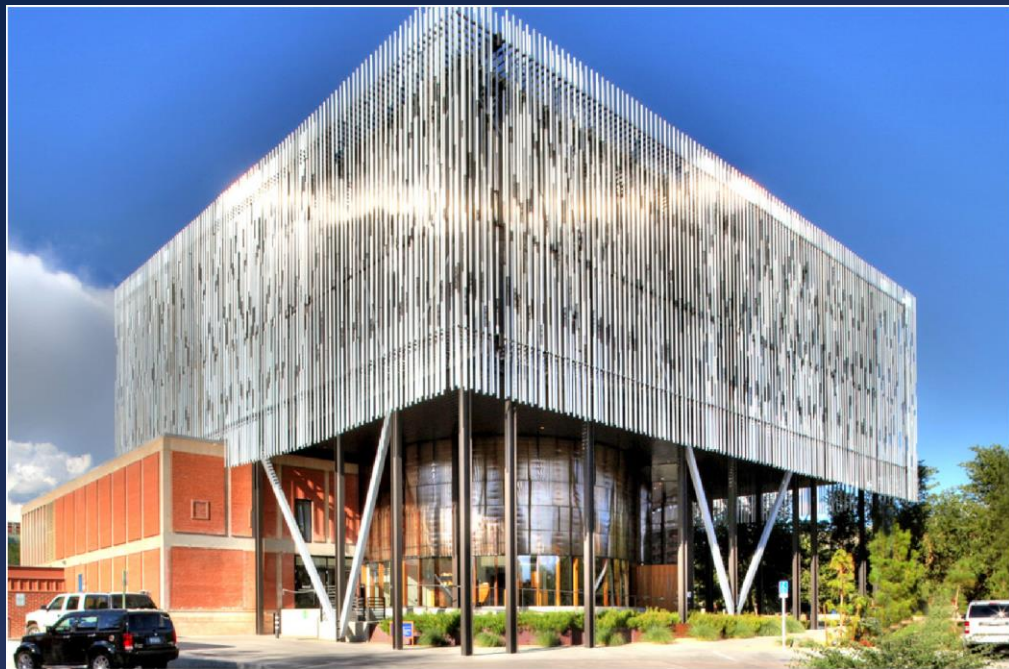
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29411	5007	Tree	Pinus ponderosa Douglas ex C. Law...	Stumpy ...	Injuries: Stumpy tree wi...	-108.871	36.079	46	70	Thin
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Import selected

Objects Elements Samples

CONCLUSION

ODK / KoBoToolbox are very effective tools for collecting rich field metadata associated with point localities



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